



Thelnessa "Tess" McKinney

October 2, 1939 - April 26, 2014

Thelnessa "Tess" McKinney, age 74, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 26, 2014. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, David McKinney; daughter, DeeAnna Waring and husband, Trey; grandchildren, Maggie, Mitchel, Trevor and Chey-Lee; and brother, Bob Witt and wife Pam. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Catherine Renee Anderson; and her parents, Jim and Mildred Witt. Tess was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and had a deep love for her extended family and her church family. She was very faithful to the Lord, serving and teaching Bible Study Fellowship for 15 years and Community Bible Study for 11 years. Tess began a bible study in Winston, NM where the Lord had led her and she fell in love with the people of that community. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Winston Country Church, 2899 Highway 52, Winston, NM 87943. Should you desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Winston Country Church in her name.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (MT)

Winston Country Church
2899 Highway 52
Winston, NM 87943

Tribute Wall

MT

“ My husband, Jim Toler, taught with Tess at TVI. We both just loved Tess - her bubbly personality just lit up the room. Maybe they're together laughing it up - Jim died 5 years ago. My condolences to Tess's family. Marilyn Toler

Marilyn Toler - May 08, 2014 at 07:21 PM

RR

“ Joyce and I have many wonderful memories - but most of all for two wonderful encouraging people for us in the church start at Church at the Butte and in the church start at Winston. What wonderful people to work with - we will always be thankful for you both being a part of our lives. Blessed friendship is forever.
Love,
Robert & Joyce

Robert Rachuig - May 08, 2014 at 03:48 PM

KS

“ I was stunned and saddened to hear of Tess's death. What an amazing, wonderful life she lived, and what a difference she made in the lives of those who knew her. I remember with joy the blessing of having known her, and am comforted by the fact that she is with Jesus and that some day we will get to see her again. I am also truly saddened by the loss the family is feeling right now.
Katherine Stewart and family

Katherine Stewart - May 04, 2014 at 05:14 PM

CB

“*Dave and Dee Anna,
Our hearts go out to you and all the family. I will never forget when we became friends when you lived next door to Mom and Dad
Remember when we watched the moon walk on Mom and Dad's color TV while they were in Vallecito? Such good memories. Mom and Dad loved Tess, as did we all. She was truly a living witness of Christ's love.*

We have moved to Henderson, NV so we won't be able to come to the services, but know that our prayers are with you. We will let Bill know and I am sure that he will want to send his condolences as well.

*Love,
Carolyn and Mike Beeler*

Carolyn Beeler - May 02, 2014 at 11:04 PM

MQ

“*The last time I remember being with you was at the 40th reunion of Frederick HS back in 1998, when we talked about riding double on Tess's old horse down the driveway. My heart goes out to you. You and she are in my prayers and thoughts.*

Love, Mitzi McIntosh Quick

Mitzi McIntosh Quick - May 02, 2014 at 09:04 PM

CH

“David,
Sandra and I share your grief, sorrow, and sadness over the loss of our great friend Tess. As Tess and I were kids growing up together, I knew that she would make someone a wonderful wife and mother. As you know, when she walked into a room, it lit up like a neon sign. Now she is lighting up Heaven with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God Bless you for what you are now doing for the Kingdom. We send our condolences to you and your family. If you are back this way, please visit with us.
Clinton & Sandra

Clinton Hart - May 02, 2014 at 08:51 PM



“Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Thelnessa "Tess" McKinney.



May 01, 2014 at 02:03 PM



“A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Thelnessa "Tess" McKinney.



May 01, 2014 at 12:57 PM

HB

“ We have wonderful memories of square dancing and playing games with Tess and Dave and the "gang" and the way Tess always lit up the room with her beautiful smile, laughter, and contagious enthusiasm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave and the family.

Herb & Rosie Bohannon

Herb & Rosie Bohannon - May 01, 2014 at 11:36 AM

JB

“ I will remember always Tess's sunny smile and how she literally lit up a room with her presence. She was beautiful, smart, and loving to all. She will be missed forever.

Cousin Judy Witt Burton

Judy Witt Burton - April 30, 2014 at 07:51 PM

MM

“ I have wonderful memories at the McKinney home. Tess was a beautiful Godly woman, my first BSF Leader and a great example to me as a wife and mother. She was always there for me with uplifting, encouraging words. Dave, DeeAnna and family, my heart and prayers are with you.

Mickey Morris-Mitchell - April 30, 2014 at 12:11 PM

WP

“ I go all the way back to college days in 1959 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. My wife and I followed Tess and Dave to Tucson and then to Albuquerque. I will always remember that beautiful smile and her little chuckle laugh. She will certainly be a bright star in Heaven.

Wayne Prentice - April 30, 2014 at 07:45 AM

BP

“ Dear Dave, DeeAnna and family, Whatsoever soothes your spirit, comforts your soul, and brings you peace, that is what we wish for you at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss her beauty and kindness. Bill and Fran Plummer and family

Bill & Fran Plummer - April 28, 2014 at 07:42 PM

JC

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Joel Chavez - April 28, 2014 at 12:25 PM